

mentioned in many of the local floras except Bengal and Orissa. Recently it has been reported along Digha shore in West Bengal. Chandipur shore, T. A. Rao 5636, 29-11-1965.

Utricularia minutissima Vahl, Enum. 1: 204, 1804; Nair in J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc. 62: 180, 1965.

It was found growing in association with *Utricularia stricacaulis* Stapf., *Drosera indica* L., and *Eriocaulon sieboldianum* Sieb. & Zucc. along the sandy slack ponds at Puri shore. A slender erect plant with brownish purple scape bearing pinkish flowers.

Puri coast, T. A. Rao 5697 (a), 4-12-1965.

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22. THE OCCURRENCE OF THE SMALL SNAPDRAGON *ANTIRRHINUM ORONTIUM* LINN. IN MAHARASHTRA STATE

(With a plate)

The Small Snapdragon (*Antirrhinum orontium* Linn.) is fairly common as a weed in corn and wheat fields in temperate regions of Europe and America. It is also found frequently in Himalayan foothills, Delhi region and higher elevations of Nilgiri Hills.

This species has been recently observed growing in the experimental farm of the Wheat Rust Research Station near Mahabaleshwar. After observing aggressive competition of this weed with the main wheat crop, the authorities of the Station sent a few dried samples to the author for identification. The samples were tentatively identified as above and later the author visited the area, collected a large number of fresh specimens and confirmed the identification.

Obviously seeds of this weed must have come with the wheat brought from north India for testing. This seems to be the first